

PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMPARED TO PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Topic	Performance Audit	Performance Review
Initiation	Audit planning and annual work plan guide selection of audit topics.	A review can be requested by the executive or conducted at the Auditor's discretion.
Notification	Auditor communicates scope, objectives, methodology and timing at formal entrance conference.	Auditor sends a notification letter. Informational meeting(s) may be offered.
Standards	Government Auditing Standards (Yellow Book)	Government Auditing Standards (Yellow Book). A review is an example of a non-audit service. (See sections 3.2-3.3, A3.01-A3.03)
Gathering Information (Fieldwork)	Includes interviews, gathering source documents from audited entity and independent research. Auditor independently verifies source data to support findings or conclusions.	Includes interviews, gathering source documents and independent research. Audit staff may selectively conduct independent verification of source data.
Draft Report	Audited entity typically reviews draft report for technical accuracy in response to auditor's request. (technical review)	Executive may review a draft report, especially for a review that cuts across multiple agencies. Agencies may be asked to review pertinent sections.
Agency Response	Audited entity formally responds to audit findings and conclusions, and this response is typically incorporated into the final report.	No formal response is required.
How Concluded	Auditor communicates findings (or "issues") and recommendations at a formal exit conference. (note: may be scheduled prior to agency response)	A briefing will be offered to agencies most directly involved in the review prior to public release.
Report	Includes findings ("issues") and recommendations. Condition, criteria, cause, effect are clearly specified and independently verified for an audit.	Includes conclusions and recommendations.